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THIS IS FROM IAS

IAS AGREES WITH SAIGON'S DESCRIPTION OF THE WEAPONS IN QUESTION AT NINH XA ARMOR PARK. THE WEAPONS ARE SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY USING A T-34 TYPE CHASSIS. A FIRM IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR FUNCTION, (AAA OR FA) CANNOT BE MADE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, THEIR DEPLOYMENT IN A GROUP OF FOUR AND IN PREPARED REVENEMENTS SUGGESTS AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ROLE. THE APPROXIMATE 14 FOOT LENGTH OF THE SINGLE TUBE INDICATES A CALIBER LARGER THAN 37 MM. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE WEAPONS IN QUESTION HAVE NEVER BEEN SEEN IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA BEFORE.

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